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- 1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. SUMMARY: RPF CHAIRMAN ALEXIS KANYARENGWE CAME TO THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE ON NOVEMBER 24 TO DISCUSS THE PROSPECTS FOR ARUSHA V. HE CLAIMED THAT THE UNILATERAL DECISION BY THE GOR TO CHANGE THE AGENDA OF THE TALKS FROM POWER-SHARING TO MILITARY INTEGRATION WAS A STALLING TACTIC. MERGING THE FORCES OF THE RPF AND THE FAR "SHOULD NOT BE A DIFFICULT ISSUE," HE SAID,

BUT DID NOT PROPOSE A FIGURE FOR THE PERCENTAGE OF TROOPS THAT THE RPF WOULD PROPOSE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEW, TRIMMED-DOWN ARMY. THE AMBASSADOR STRESSED THAT THE RPF SHOULD NOT LET ARGUMENTS OVER THE AGENDA GET IN THE WAY OF SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS. END SUMMARY

- 3. RPF CHAIRMAN ALEXIS KANYARENGWE, ACCOMPANIED BY TWO RPF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS (ONE OF WHOM /ERVED AS TRANSLATOR), CAME TO THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AT 6:00 P.M. ON NOVEMBER 24 TO DISCUSS THE PROSPECTS FOR THE ARUSHA V NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH HAD BEEN DUE TO START THE DAY BEFORE. POLOFF ACCOMPANIED THE AMBASSADOR AT THE 75 MINUTE MEETING.
- 4. KANYARENGWE BRIEFLY OUTLINED THE STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE TRANSITIONAL CABINET AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, THE POWER-SHARING ISSUES THAT HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RESUMED AT THE CURRENT ROUND. HE ACCUSED PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA OF CREATING NEW PARTIES (I.E., THE CDR) IN ORDER TO FILL CABINET CONFIDENTIAL

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 SEATS WHICH HE COULD CONTINUE TO CONTROL IN THE
 TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. KANYARENGWE ALSO CLAIMED THAT
 NONE OF THE OTHER PARTIES REPRESENTED IN THE GOR
 SUPPORTED HABYARIMANA'S CALL FOR AN ELECTIVE NATIONAL
 ASSEMBLY. THESE WERE DELIBERATE PLOYS, CALCULATED TO
 BLOCK AN AGREEMENT ON POWER-SHARING, KANYARENGWE
 CHARGED. "HABYARIMANA IS STALLING ON THE ASSEMBLY AND
 THE CABINET," WERE THE TRANSLATOR'S WORDS.
- THE GOR HAS BROUGHT TO THE HEAD OF THE AGENDA. THE INTEGRATION OF FAR AND RPF FORCES "SHOULDN'T BE A DIFFICULT ISSUE," HE SAID (CONTRADICTING THE OPINIONS OF MOST OBSERVERS OF THE PROCESS). HE SAID THAT INTEGRATION SNOULD START WITH THE HIGH COMMAND, WITH SMALLER UNITS BEING MERGED SLOWLY. HE DID NOT PUT A FIGURE ON THE PROPORTION OF THE TROOPS THAT THE RPF WOULD WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO A NEW RWANDAN ARMY, SAYING "THE NUMBERS ARE NEGOTIABLE." ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE GREAT DIFFICULTIES IN UNITING THE ARMY, KANYARENGWE WELCOMED THE "ADVICE AND HELP" OF THE UNITED STATES. THE PROBLEM OF SETTLING REFUGEES AND THOSE DISPLACED INTERNALLY BY COMBAT WOULD BE A DIFFICULT ISSUE, BUT WAS NOT AS PRESSING AS THE OTHERS

ON THE AGENDA, ACCORDING TO KANYARENGWE.

6. FOLLOWING KANYARENGWE'S BRIEFING, THE AMBASSADOR MADE THREE POINTS: THE RPF SHOULD NOT WALK AWAY FROM THE NEGOTIATING TABLE, WHATEVER FRUSTRATIONS IT ENCOUNTERED; IT SHOULD HOLD FIRE ON THE GROUND IN THE FACE OF POSSIBLE PROVOCATIONS; AND RPF NEGOTIATORS CONFIDENTIAL

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 SHOULD NOT YIELD THE "HIGH GROUND" BY ARGUING ABOUT THE
 GOVERNMENT'S UNILATERAL SWITCH OF NEGOTIATING TOPICS.
 "THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD NOT HINGE
 ON THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA," HE'STRESSED.
- 7. KANYARENGWE TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE RPF WOULD FOLLOW HIS RECOMMENDATIONS. IT HAD ALREADY EXERCISED RESTRAINT IN THE FACE OF SERIOUS PROVOCATIONS, HE SAID. THE GOR WAS USING THE CEASEFIRE TO REINFORCE ITS TROOPS AND STRENGTHEN ITS POSITIONS. KANYARENGWE SAID THAT THE RPF BELIEVED THAT THE FAR HAD CANCELLED A PLANNED OFFENSIVE IN RECENT WEEKS FOR UNKNOWN REASONS

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("PERHAPS BECAUSE OF PRESSURE FROM YOUR GOVERNMENT"). HE ALSO ALUDED TO THE SPATE OF VIOLENCE IN KIGALI, AND ASKED FOR THE U.S. TO MAINTAIN PRESSURE ON HABYARIMANA TO COMPROMISE.

8. COMMENT: KANYARENGWE APPEARED TO GENUINELY BELIEVE THAT HABYARIMANA HAD CHANGED THE AGENDA OF THE TALKS IN ORDER TO AVOID RELINQUISHING ANY MEASURE OF HIS AUTHORITY IN AN AGREEMENT ON POWER-SHARING. NEVERTHELESS, KANYARENGWE SAID THAT THE RPF WAS PREPARED TO TAKE UP THE ISSUE OF MILITARY INTEGRATION IN ORDER TO MOVE THE TALKS FORWARD. END COMMENT

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